(c) The Council have reported the matter to the Calcutta Police for thorough investigation.

**Defence Budget**

2168. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the exact Defence budget during the last three years and what were actual expenses incurred on different activities of Defence;

(b) whether the budget was considered adequate for the defence preparedness of the country; and

(c) if not, whether any representation was made to the concerned authorities for increasing the defence budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The net provisions for Defence Services in Budget Estimates during the last three years were Rs. 12512 crores in 1987-88, Rs. 13000 crores in 1988-89 and Rs. 13000 crores in 1989-90. The provision made for 1990-91 is Rs. 15750 crores.

The net expenditures were Rs. 11967.49 crores in 1987-88 and Rs. 13341.02 crores in 1988-89. The final figure of expenditure in 1989-90 is not yet available as the accounts for the year are still open.

(b) and (c) The allocations are decided by the Government after taking into consideration all aspects. When the new Government assumed office in 1989 and found the allocation inadequate, it increased the provision for 1989-90 by Rs. 1500 crores through Supplementary Grants.

**Policy of Re-employment of retired Govt. Employee; in Govt. and Other Public Sector Undertaking**

2169. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the policy of the Government regarding re-employment of retired personnel in Government/public sector undertaking etc.

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to find how many retired personnel have been employed in Government/public sector undertaking ;

(c) number of retired personnel re-employed in each Government department/public sector undertaking as on today ;

(d) whether Government are aware that re-employment of retired personnels in Government/public sector undertakings block promotion and generation of employment ; and

(e) if so, whether Government would take a policy decision in this regard soon ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) to (e). In accordance with the existing instructions, re-employment in service after superannuation to a Government employee is to be granted in very rare and exceptional circumstances, purely in public interest when either another officer is not ripe enough to take over the job or the retiring officer is of outstanding merit. While issuing these instructions, Government are aware that in each case of extension or re-employment, it is not only the next man who misses the promotion, but